


		NTSB ID: ANC01LA036		Aircraft Registration Number: N3334M	
		Occurrence Date: 02/06/2001		Most Critical Injury: Serious	
		Occurrence Type: Accident		Investigated By: NTSB	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place Anvik	State AK	Zip Code 99558	Local Time 1430	Time Zone AST	
Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip		Distance From Landing Facility:		Direction From Airport:	
Aircraft Information Summary					
Aircraft Manufacturer Piper		Model/Series PA-12		Type of Aircraft Airplane	
Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No		
Narrative					
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On February 6, 2001, about 1430 Alaska standard time, a ski equipped Piper PA-12 airplane, N3334M, sustained substantial damage during a collision with snow-covered terrain, about 7 miles south-southeast of Anvik, Alaska. The airplane was being operated as a visual flight rules (VFR) cross-country personal flight, when the accident occurred. The airplane was operated by the pilot. The private certificated pilot received serious injuries. One passenger received minor injuries, and a second passenger was not injured. Instrument meteorological conditions prevailed in the area of the accident. The flight originated at the Grayling Airport, Grayling, Alaska, about 1300.</p> <p>During a telephone conversation with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigator-in-charge (IIC), on February 7, 2001, the pilot reported that when he departed Grayling, he set his altimeter to the field elevation of 100 feet. After departure, the pilot said the weather conditions included broken clouds at 2,000 feet, with a visibility of 3 miles. As the flight progressed southbound, the pilot said he encountered fog. He began a descent to maintain visual contact with the ground. With the airplane's altimeter indicating 400 feet, the airplane suddenly collided with terrain on the Yukon River. The airplane received damage to the wings, fuselage, and landing gear.</p> <p>The closest official weather observation station is Anvik, Alaska. On February 6, 2001, at 1415, an automated weather observation system (AWOS) was reporting in part: Wind, 270 degrees (true) at 4 knots; visibility, 1.25 statute miles; clouds and sky condition, 100 feet overcast; temperature, 21 degrees F; dew point, 16 degrees F; altimeter, 30.05 inHg.</p>					
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Landing Facility/Approach Information					
Airport Name	Airport ID:	Airport Elevation Ft. MSL	Runway Used	Runway Length	Runway Width
Runway Surface Type:					
Runway Surface Condition:					
Type Instrument Approach: NONE					
VFR Approach/Landing: None					
Aircraft Information					
Aircraft Manufacturer Piper		Model/Series PA-12		Serial Number 12-2192	
Airworthiness Certificate(s): Normal					
Landing Gear Type: Ski; Tailwheel					
Homebuilt Aircraft? No	Number of Seats: 3	Certified Max Gross Wt.	1750 LBS	Number of Engines: 1	
Engine Type: Reciprocating	Engine Manufacturer: Lycoming	Model/Series: O-235	Rated Power: 115 HP		
- Aircraft Inspection Information					
Type of Last Inspection Annual	Date of Last Inspection 09/19/1999	Time Since Last Inspection 150 Hours	Airframe Total Time 2015 Hours		
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information					
ELT Installed? Yes	ELT Operated? Yes	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site? No			
Owner/Operator Information					
Registered Aircraft Owner Carl A. Walker		Street Address P.O. Box 50			
		City Grayling	State AK	Zip Code 99590	
Operator of Aircraft Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner		Street Address Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner			
		City	State	Zip Code	
Operator Does Business As:			Operator Designator Code:		
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held: None					
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):					
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:		
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation					
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Personal					
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Weather Information					
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation	WOF Distance From Accident Site	Direction From Accident Site
PANV	1415	AST	309 Ft. MSL	7 NM	335 Deg. Mag.
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition:			Ft. AGL	Condition of Light: Day	
Lowest Ceiling: Overcast		100 Ft. AGL		Visibility: 1.25 SM	Altimeter: 30.05 "Hg
Temperature: -6 °C	Dew Point: -9 °C	Wind Direction: 250			Density Altitude: Ft.
Wind Speed: 4	Gusts:	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Instrument Conditions			
Visibility (RVR): Ft.	Visibility (RVV) SM	Intensity of Precipitation:			
Restrictions to Visibility: Fog					
Type of Precipitation: None					

Accident Information					
Aircraft Damage:		Aircraft Fire:		Aircraft Explosion	
Classification:					
- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL
First Pilot		1			1
Second Pilot					
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot					
Flight Engineer					
Cabin Attendants					
Other Crew					
Passengers			1	1	2
- TOTAL ABOARD -		1	1	1	3
Other Ground					
- GRAND TOTAL -		1	1	1	3

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Administrative Information

Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)

Scott Erickson

Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation:

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